



# Louisiana Crop Weather Summary

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## CROP INFORMATION

**Days suitable for fieldwork:** 5.6  
**Soil moisture supplies:** 3% very short, 22% short, 66% adequate and 9% surplus

**Field Crops Report**  
Some fields near the Mississippi River still have seep water; there are a few reports of fields of damaged corn which may not survive. Farmers that have unplanted fields with seep water may be unable to plant until June. Rice producers were busy applying herbicide and fertilizer applications. Soybean planting continued. Sugarcane fertilization continued. Some farmers have harvested wheat fields.

**Fruits, Vegetables and Specialty Crops**  
Vegetable producers scouted for insects and presence of disease on vegetable crops. Crawfish production has slowed down, and some producers drained ponds.

**Livestock, Pasture and Range Report**  
Rain helped establishment of summer perennial grasses, but growth was slowed by cool night temperatures. Cattleman continued cutting ryegrass hay. The price of fertilizer has limited application, but some producers have applied fertilizer to hayfields.

PERCENT OF PROGRESS					
CROP	STAGE	Current Week	Last Week	2007	5 YR AVG
Corn	Emerged	100	99	100	100
Cotton	Planted	68	49	39	55
	Emerged	49	20	20	31
Hay	First Cutting	28	22	20	20
Rice	Planted	91	86	87	88
	Emerged	82	69	75	76
Sorghum	Planted	84	74	90	71
	Emerged	67	54	76	54
Soybeans	Planted	56	48	51	45
	Emerged	42	20	35	32
Winter Wheat	Headed	100	99	100	98
	Turning Color	77	46	51	47
Land Preparation	Spring plowing	92	89	96	95

CONDITIONS IN PERCENTAGES					
ITEM	VERY POOR	POOR	FAIR	GOOD	EXCELLENT
Corn	0	3	18	63	16
Rice	0	3	20	72	5
Sorghum	0	1	29	60	10
Sugarcane	0	2	23	61	14
Wheat	0	1	23	61	15
Livestock	1	3	32	57	7
Vegetables	1	7	38	48	6
Pasture	2	8	32	49	9

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LOUISIANA WEATHER SUMMARY FROM 04/28/08 TO 05/04/08

	AIR				PRECIPITATION			
	TEMPERATURE				WEEKLY	FOUR	YR. TO	NORM
	MAX	MIN	AVG	NRM	TOTAL	WEEKS	DATE	
1. Northwest								
LSU-Bossier City	84	47	65	68	0.38	1.43	14.80	19.02
Minden	82	44	63	67	0.20	1.11	15.88	21.03
Mooringsport	82	43	64	MM	1.18	2.43	16.38	17.09
Extreme/Average	84	43	64	68	0.29	1.27	15.34	19.41
2. North-Central								
LSU-Calhoun	MM	MM	MM	68	0.02	0.47	11.55	21.91
Homer/Hill Farm	82	(41)	60	67	0.05	0.85	13.50	21.14
ULM-Monroe	86	45	66	68	0.79	1.26	12.60	23.32
Columbia Lock	84	48	66	MM	1.06	1.96	14.71	24.14
Extreme/Average	86	41	66	68	0.79	1.26	12.60	22.09
3. Northeast								
Lake Providence	81	47	65	68	1.01	2.12	17.81	24.47
LSU-St Joseph	86	48	68	70	1.19	2.31	18.47	23.90
LSU-Winnsboro	MM	MM	MM	69	0.01	1.81	17.48	23.28
Tallulah	81	49	64	68	0.05	2.16	19.54	23.85
Extreme/Average	86	47	MM	69	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	23.81
4. West-Central								
Leesville	(87)	44	67	69	0.97	1.38	16.09	20.91
LSU-Rosepine	85	45	63	69	1.25	2.27	16.97	20.62
Natchitoches	MM	MM	MM	69	0.00	0.29	19.82	20.83
Extreme/Average	87	44	65	69	1.11	1.83	16.53	20.75
5. Central								
Alexandria	85	50	68	70	0.45	2.19	20.11	22.51
Brusly	84	45	67	70	1.61	2.30	19.73	23.40
Bunkie	84	49	69	70	0.92	2.74	19.02	23.68
LSU-Alexandria	86	49	68	70	0.39	3.41	19.74	21.47
Extreme/Average	86	45	68	70	0.59	2.78	19.62	22.62
6. East-Central								
Franklinton 5SW	MM	MM	MM	MM	0.49	1.48	14.60	MM.MM
LSU-Baton Rouge	MM	MM	MM	70	0.96	1.13	15.56	22.02
LSU-Clinton	MM	MM	MM	69	0.85	0.85	17.47	24.28
LSU-Hammond	MM	MM	MM	70	0.06	0.96	18.49	24.22
Slidell	81	48	69	71	1.84	3.80	19.94	23.06
Extreme/Average	81	48	MM	70	M.MM	M.MM	MM.MM	24.18
7. Southwest								
De Ridder	86	47	68	70	0.10	3.75	21.88	21.10
Jennings	84	50	70	71	0.56	3.21	20.96	19.21
LSU-Crowley	82	51	69	71	0.06	1.78	18.10	20.03
Extreme/Average	86	47	70	71	0.56	3.21	20.96	19.46
8. South-Central								
Donaldsonville	83	50	69	71	1.46	2.34	14.75	21.56
LSU-Jeanerette	84	48	69	71	0.82	1.38	13.93	19.34
Morgan City	MM	MM	MM	71	0.00	2.77	12.72	19.92
Extreme/Average	84	48	69	72	1.14	2.34	14.75	20.28
9. Southeast								
Galliano	82	50	70	72	0.06	3.18	20.60	21.26
Houma	MM	MM	MM	72	0.03	0.77	9.73	20.24
Terrytown 3S	84	54	72	MM	1.68	6.20	26.19	MM.MM
Reserve	84	53	70	71	2.16	3.32	18.57	23.39
Extreme/Average	84	50	70	72	2.16	3.32	18.57	21.74
State								
State Averages	87	41	68	70	0.93	2.42	17.44	21.06

M = Missing      ( ) = Extremes      Yr. To Date = Through May 4, 2008

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